Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—When was the case launched; the date?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Notice, please.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—When was this matter brought to the notice of the Commissioner?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I want notice.

Production of Paddy.

122. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state the total quantity of paddy produced in the State during each of the last ten years?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—It is not possible to state definitely the exact quantity of paddy produced in the State during each of the last 10 years. The annual estimated production of paddy is about 21 millions of paras. There has been no appreciable increase or decrease in the production of paddy during the last ten years.

Allotments for Panchayats.

123. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state on what principle the allotments for Panchayats are made in the budget by the Registrar; what are the amounts that the different Panchayats asked for and what are the amounts recommended by the Registrar for sanction in the budget for 1107?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The general principles on which budget proposals are submitted to the Government by the Registrar are laid down in Rule V of the Diwan's Notification, dated 29th January 1922 published in Gazette dated 22nd Makaram 1097 (Panchayat Finance Rules). He took particular care to see that every Panchayat was recommended for some grant. The list giving the information is placed on the table. (*Appendix I.*)

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—In Appendix I, item No.14. No budget was received and Rs. 5,276 was allotted. May I know on what reason this allotment was made without a budget?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There might have been previous requisitions from the Panchayat and Government might have had sanctioned the works, or the Registrar might have noted that the works were necessary for the Panchayat and he did not think it fair to deny the Panchayat all amounts.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—The whole of the amount was for works for which sanction was given by the Government?

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